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LaRouche Says His Supporters Take Covert Roles in Campaign

CONCORD, N.H., Feb. 15 (AP) — Lyndon H. LaRouche, the former head of the U.S. Labor Party who is now running as a Democrat, has said that his campaign workers impersonate reporters and others, contending that the covert operation is needed for his security.

Mr. LaRouche, who says he is a counter-intelligence expert, said that some New Hampshire newspapers, including The Concord Monitor, The Nashua Telegraph and The Keene Sentinel, had been harassing his supporters. He said that his campaign was engaged in "an undercover number" to retaliate.

"Where a press is running a dirty operation against us, like Ewing's little Keene Sentinel," Mr. LaRouche said in an interview yesterday, referring to its publisher, James Ewing, "That's an open target. We can impersonate them all we want to because they are doing it to us. It's just an open field."

The former Presidential candidate of the U.S. Labor Party said that the countereffort was "necessary for security." He said that his supporters used "all kinds" of covers to investigate alleged threats.

Mr. LaRouche said that he was "the executive of a political intelligence operation and these amateurs are not supposed

to play games with people of my rank; otherwise they get chewed up."

He has said that there was a plot to set up an "assassination capability" against him. He is among five candidates in the state's Democratic Presidential primary on Feb. 26.

Mr. LaRouche said that the undercover operation was necessary because many of the people being talked to by his campaign workers "have committed violations" of civil rights and election statutes.

He said he has notified the United States Attorney, William Shaheen, of the violations.

Mr. Shaheen said that he had received "at least a dozen" complaints from citizens about harassing telephone calls from LaRouche campaign workers, "but to say there is an active investigation is an exaggeration."

The Monitor had no immediate comment on Mr. LaRouche's statements. Mr. Ewing also said that he had no comment. Jon Breen of The Telegraph said, "Neither Mr. LaRouche's comments nor his candidacy are worth commenting on."

Mr. LaRouche has received \$327,864 in Federal matching funds and has a campaign headquarters in Manchester, with offices throughout the state.